

Chapter VI

PUBLIC SERVICE ELEMENT

This Element is a supplement to the Public Service and Facilities Element of the TRPA Goals and Policies Plan. This Element identifies the existing public services, sets forth Objectives and Policies, and identifies recommended public service facilities.

A. EXISTING PUBLIC SERVICES

This section addresses the existing conditions in the Kings Beach Community Plan with regard to public services. The specific facilities addressed in this section include:

- Fire protection facilities
- North Tahoe PUD functions, including Parks and Recreation
- Schools
- Community centers/multi-purpose facilities
- Placer County facilities
- Caltrans facilities
- The Kings Beach Library

Because a number of services for the Kings Beach Community Plan are physically located outside of the Community Plan boundary, this section addresses the public services issue on a regional basis.

1. Fire Protection Facilities

The headquarters for the North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTFPD) are located near the intersection of State Routes 28 and 267 in the Kings Beach Community Plan. The NTFPD provides fire and emergency services for the greater north shore area of the Lake, from the area just east of Dollar Hill to the Nevada State line. Support services for fire protection on wildland fires is provided by the U.S. Forest Service.

2. North Tahoe Public Utility District

The North Tahoe Public Utility District (NTPUD) provides both sewer and water service to the Community Plan as well as park and recreation service. The Administrative offices for the District are located in the nearby Tahoe Vista Community Plan while the Park and Recreation office is located in the Community Center at the State Park in downtown Kings Beach. The District's park and recreation services extends to lands owned by the State of California and the County of Placer, for which the District provides management and maintenance services on a contractual basis.

3. Schools

Elementary school facilities (the Kings Beach Elementary School) are provided at a site in close proximity, but outside the Community Plan, at the intersections of Wolf Street and Steelhead Avenue.

The high school that serves this area, North Lake Tahoe High, is located in Plan Area 012, at the end of Polaris Drive in the Highlands subdivision.

4. Community Centers/Multi-purpose Facilities

Located in the heart of the Community Plan, at the State Beach in Special Area 3, is the North Tahoe Community Conference Center. This facility serves not only the community of Kings Beach, but serves as a regional facility as well. The structure, originally built as a bowling alley, has undergone extensive remodeling and upgrading in recent years, and operates successfully and competitively as a conference attraction.

5. Placer County Facilities

Placer County's facilities in the Tahoe basin are widely distributed on the north shore, but concentrated in the centralized area of Tahoe City.

The County does have a library in the downtown Kings Beach area, on Secline Street.

4. Caltrans Facilities

Road maintenance and snow removal services for the State Highways in the Kings Beach Community Plan are provided by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Caltrans facilities are located out of this Community Plan, in the Tahoe City Community Plan near the Tahoe City "wyé."

B. PUBLIC SERVICE OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The following numbered objectives repeat of the objectives found in the introduction section of this Plan. In order to meet the Objectives, the following specific policies are adopted as standards.

1. The supporting infrastructure (e.g. roads, parking, drainage, fire, schools, and police) of the Community Plan shall be designed for a planned buildout projected for twenty years.
2. The County's goals and policies with regard to public education (school sites, facilities, and funding), as detailed in the Placer County General Plan, are further incorporated by reference in all the North Tahoe Community Plans.

C. PROPOSED PUBLIC SERVICE FACILITIES

No significant changes are proposed for the Kings Beach Community Plan area in the area of public services. Most of the facilities currently located in the centralized area of Tahoe City will continue to remain there. A Sheriff's substation has been opened in the Kings Beach area.